

Rules of Conduct



The Carlsbad City Library is committed to providing a safe and pleasant atmosphere for all members of the community. Everyone has the right to use library services and resources provided his or her behavior does not unreasonably interfere with the rights of others to do the same. Carlsbad City Library users are expected to conduct themselves in a lawful, orderly and considerate manner. Persons who violate the following rules will be asked to stop such actions and may be asked to leave the Library.

PROHIBITED CONDUCT:

- 1. Smoking in the Library and within 20 feet of all entrances.** [California Gov't Code § 7597.] **Smoking outside of designated smoking area.** [Carlsbad Municipal Code § 6.14.030.] **Other uses of tobacco are not allowed inside the Library.**
- 2. Accosting library users on Library property for the purpose of begging or soliciting alms.** [California Penal Code § 647 (c).] **It is not permitted to solicit library users for money for any purpose on Library property unless part of a Library approved activity.**
- 3. Behaving in a manner that is unsafe or that interferes with library users or staff who are engaged in lawful activity. Someone refusing to leave after being directed by a library supervisor or peace officer is guilty of a misdemeanor.** [California Penal Code § 602.1 (b)]
- 4. Bringing bicycles in the Library; riding skateboards or similar forms of transportation in the Library or on Library property.** [Carlsbad Municipal Code 10.58.030.]
- 5. Theft, abuse, vandalism, or mutilation of Library facilities, equipment, or materials.** [California Penal Code §§ 490.5 & 594.]
- 6. Use of restrooms for other than intended purposes.**
- 7. Entering library facilities without being clothed including shirts and shoes or other footwear, in accordance with public health and safety concerns.**
- 8. Leaving a child unattended.** *See Unattended Children Policy*
- 9. Bringing animals into library facilities, except for animals assisting library users with a disability, as specified and in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.**
- 10. Sleeping in the Library or on Library property.**
- 11. Eating or drinking in areas where food and drink is prohibited.** *See Food and Beverage Policy.*
- 12. Using electronic devices or other personal equipment that is disruptive to others.**
- 13. Bodily hygiene that is offensive so as to constitute a nuisance to other persons in the Library.**
- 14. Leaving belongings unattended. The Library is not responsible for lost or stolen items.**
- 15. Blocking aisles, seating areas, exits or entrances with personal items.**

Persons who violate these rules will be asked to stop such actions and may be asked to leave the Library. Persistent violations of these rules may also result in suspension of use of Library facilities, programs, resources and services. Suspensions will be for a definite time period. The length of suspension will be determined by the Library & Cultural Arts Director or other designated staff and will apply at all City of Carlsbad Library facilities. Police will be called in cases of criminal or legal violations.

Appeal of any suspension may be made in writing to the Director within five (5) business days of its issuance. The suspension will remain in effect during the appeal process. The Director shall render a decision within ten (10) business days of the date of receipt of the request for an appeal. The applicant may appeal the Director's decision to the Assistant City Manager within five (5) business days of the Director's decision. The Assistant City Manager or designee shall render a decision within ten (10) business days. The Assistant City Manager's or designee's decision shall be final.